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**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 1999 regarding the above captioned patent application, the applicants hereby respectfully submit the following amendment and response.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims, please amend claims 1, 14, 21 and 26 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for providing updated digital signature key pairs in a public key system comprising the steps of:

providing, through a multi-client manager unit, selectable digital signature expiry data including at least public verification key expiry data and selectable private signing key expiry data, that [is] are selectable on a per client basis wherein the digital signature key pairs are not shared among users;

digitally storing both selected public key expiry data and selected private key expiry data for association with a new digital signature key pair; and

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